

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1, 12, 14 and 20 are amended, and a substitute drawing sheet is presented. Claims 1 and 20 are amended to correct grammatical errors. Applicants request reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Drawings:

Figure 1 was objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5) for lacking reference numerals mentioned in the description. Applicant submits a replacement drawing sheet complying with the Examiner's instructions. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the objection is overcome.

Claim Objections:

Claim 12 was objected to based on the extraneous word "is," which has been deleted to obviate the Examiner's objection.

Claim 14 was objected to because Applicants' use of "(4,6)" to designate the second auxiliary brake is inconsistent with the rest of the claim set, wherein the second auxiliary brake is designated "(6)". Applicants have amended Claim 14 to correct this inconsistent usage.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the objections to claims 12 and 14 are overcome.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claims 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for certain informalities. In response, Applicants have amended claim 14 appropriately and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 1-11 and 13 are allowed. Claims 12 and 14-20 are indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter. Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and timely Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, referencing Attorney Docket No.: 7589.186.PCUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner may directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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Respectfully submitted,

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